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An extensive project to forest the coastal zone of Albania in 1952 is under way. Pines, eucalyptus trees, and poplars are being planted.

The country's nurseries are expected to produce 16 million trees annually.

TEACH AGROTECHNICS IN SARANDE VILLAGES -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 15 Mar 52

Seminars in agrotechnics for progressive peasants have been organized in the villages of Sarande Rreth. In February, ten courses were attended by 100 peasants. During the spring sowing, 133 short courses in agrotechnics have been given in this rreth.

The local branch of the Society for Albanian-Soviet Friendship has prepared material for dissemination so that the peasants can profit by Soviet farming experience.

NEW AGRONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OPENED -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 15 Mar 52

The Kamze Red Star state agricultural enterprise in Tirana Rreth has opened an agronomic research department for the scientific study of plants and of diseases resulting from war. The department has the books of the great scientists Michurin and Lysenko and all sorts of seeds and drugs for diseases resulting from war.

The agricultural enterprise at Sukth and the 29 November agricultural enterprise at Lushnje already have such departments.

IMPROVE SOWING METHODS -- Tirana, Bashkimi, 15 Mar 52

In honor of the Second Party Congress, the Melcan (Korce) Cooperative workers are making every effort to improve their farming methods. To date, they have sown 51 dynyms [a dynym is about one fourth of an acre] of vetch and will soon start sugar beet sowing. Their work has been better organized this year. Already they have begun to sort and disinfect seed. They have also been successful in testing seed.

To improve the sugar beet crop, the workers are applying Soviet methods, using 175 quintals of chemical fertilizer, 10 quintals of ashes, and 30 quintals of granulated fertilizer. By following the Soviet method of planting corn they are getting a 25 percent larger yield than by the usual sowing method. They are planning to plant 100 percent more corn. In addition, 10 dynyms will be sown with Georgian corn. In all, they must harrow 353 dynyms to carry out their plan.

Two squads have been organized to sow vetch and corn. They have also divided the land between two squads of a brigade to stimulate socialist competition.

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